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SUBJECT:AP REPORTS VICE CONSUL EXPELLED FROM SETTLEMENT
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REF: STATE 100955

1. JERUSALEM WAS OF COURSE ACTION ADDRESSEE OF REFTTEL AS
DICTATED, BUT INADVERTENTLY DROPPED FROM CABLE AS TYPED.
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES.

2. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR NOON BRIEFING
APRIL 20:

3. BEGIN TEXT: Q. WHAT IS THE STORY OF THE REPORTED EXPUL-
SION OF A U.S. CONSULAR OFFICER FROM A JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN
THE WEST BANK?

4. A. OUR EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
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INFORMATION ON THE INCIDENT.

5. VICE CONSUL EDMUND HULL, ASSIGNED TO THE CONSULATE GEN-
ERAL IN JERUSALEM, VISITED THE MILITARILY CONTROLLED SETTLE-
MENT AT HARIS IN THE WEST BANK ON APRIL 13. HE MADE NO
EFFORT TO CONCEAL HIS IDENTITY BUT SOME MISUNDERSTANDING
ABOUT THAT SEEMS TO HAVE OCCURRED. #OWEVER, ONCE HE SHOWED

HIS IDENTITY CARD TO THE IDF PERSONNEL, HE WAS PERMITTED TO DEPART WITHOUT INCIDENT.

6. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES. THEY HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY CONSIDER THE MATTER CLOSED.

7. THE WEST BANK IS INCLUDED IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN JERUSALEM, AND IT IS NORMAL FOR CONSULAR OFFICIALS FROM JERUSALEM TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THIS CONSULAR DISTRICT.

8. Q. DO THE ISRAELIS PERMIT OUR OFFICIALS TO VISIT MILITARY CONTROLLED SETTLEMENTS?

9. A. ON BACKGROUND, WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE ISRAELIS HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH OUR CONSULAR OFFICIALS VISITING ANY SETTLEMENTS. END TEXT.

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